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1. POLISH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CZREK MET WITH VATICAN OFFICIALS LED BY ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI NOVEMBER 7-8. PURPOSE OF ENCOUNTER, ACCORDING TO RESPONSIBLE VATICAN SOURCE, WAS MAINLY TO AGREE ON MODALITIES FOR DISCUSSIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED POLISH VATICAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN ROME. CASAROLI EXPRESSED TO CZREK VATICAN'S DISPLEASURE THAT GOP HAD, IN VIOLATION OF AGREED TIMING, ANNOUNCED SZABLEWSKI'S APPOINTMENT SEPT. 25. VATICAN REALIZES THAT GOP PROBABLY MADE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THAT TIME AS AN IRRITATION TO CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI WHO WAS THEN JUST DEPARTING FOR SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN ROME.

2. VATICAN MADE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT NOV. 8 OF SZABLEWSKI'S APPOINTMENT AS WELL AS APPOINTMENT OF ARCHBISHOP LUIGI POGGI TO BE HIS COUNTERPART. POGGI WHO WILL VISIT WARSAW FROM TIME TO TIME "WILL DEAL AMONG OTHER THINGS WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN HOLY SEE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND ON THE OTHER SIDE THE POLISH STATE."

3. DESPITE MANY FALSE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF KAZIMIERZ SZABLEWSKI'S ARRIVAL IN ROME, HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO SHOW UP UNTIL SOME TIME
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LATER THIS WEEK. SZABLEWSKI WILL HOLD TITLE OF MINISTER PLENI-

POTENTIARY, WHO WILL NOT BE DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED, AND IS
EXPECTED
TO ACQUIRE OFFICES INDEPENDENT OF POLISH EMBASSY TO ITALY.

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